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SUBJECT: NPG - 13 JUNE STAFF GROUP MEETING

REF: (A) NPG(STAFF GROUP) N(73)45; (B) USNATO 2753;
(C) USNATO 2772; (D) STATE 106503

BEGIN SUMMARY: NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) AT 13 JUNE MEETING CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF FUTURE WORK PROGRAM OF NPG ON BASIS OF REF. (A) (POUCHED ISA AND STATE). CANADIAN REP STATED THAT AMB. MENZIES INTENDS TO RAISE ISSUE OF THE FUNCTION OF THE MC IN NUCLEAR CONSULTATION AT THE 19 JUNE PERMREP LUNCHEON, BUT ADDED THAT AMB. MENZIES HAS NO OBJECTION TO ASKING MC FOR ITS VIEWS (REF. (C), AND ONLY WANTS TO BRING DELICACY OF PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER PERM REPS. NETHERLANDS REP ANNOUNCED THAT FALL NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE HAGUE. MOST DELEGATIONS FAVORED HOLDING MEETING ON 6-7 NOVEMBER-- SYG AND SACEUR HAVE CONFLICTS WITH 23-24 OCTOBER DATES (REF. (B)). ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON PREFERENCE FOR DATES FOR FALL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

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1. DATE AND LOCATION OF FALL MEETING

NETHERLANDS REP (COL. SPIEGELBERG) ANNOUNCED THAT FALL NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE HAGUE, IN THE

BARRACKS OF THE GENERAL STAFF (BUILDING WHERE SPRING 1968 NPG MINISTERIAL WAS HELD). GREECE, UK, SACEUR AND SACLANT REPS STATED PREFERENE FOR 6-7 NOVEMBER DATES. UK REP ADDED THAT NEW UK CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF WOULD TAKE OVER IN LATE OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER DATES WOULD ALLOW HIM TO ATTEND MEETING. NORWAY COULD ACCEPT ANY OF THREE DATES (REF. (B)). CANADA PREFERS 23-24 OCTOBER BUT COULD ACCEPT ANY OF THREE. CHAIRMAN (SEIM) NOTED THAT SYG LUNS HAD A CONFLICT WITH 23-24 OCTOBER DATES (NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY MEETING). SHAPE REP (COL. KRONE) ALSO NOTED THAT SACEUR HAD A CONFLICT WITH 23-24 AND 30-31 OCTOBER DATES, PREFERRED 6-7 NOVEMBER, BUT COULD LIVE WITH 25-26 OCTOBER. ITALY, ALTHOUGH NOT PRESENT, HAD TOLD SEIM THAT IT HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH 6-7 NOVEMBER AND PROBLEMS WITH OTHER TWO DATES. US AND FRG REPS HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPRESSED NO PREFERENCE. NETHERLANDS REP SAID TEAM ORGANIZING MEETING WILL HOLD INITIAL MEETING ON 20 JUNE AND WANTS DECISION ON DATES PRIOR TO MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON PREFERENCE FOR FALL MEETING DATES GIVEN PREFERENCES AND OBJECTIONS EXPRESSED BY SG REPS.

2. FUNCTION OF MC IN NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCESS

ALL NPG DELEGATIONS, EXCEPT CANADA, APPROVED PO/73/80 (REF: (C)) BY SILENCE PROCEDURE. CANADIAN REP (CDR. BECKETT) ANNOUNCED THAT HIS AMBASSADOR INTENDED TO RAISE SUBJECT AT PERM REP LUNCHEON ON 19 JUNE, PRIMARILY TO BRING THE DELICACY OF THE PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE OTHER PERM REPS. HE ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR MENZIES DOES NOT OPPOSE SENDING LETTER TO MC REQUESTING ITS VIEWS.

3. FUTURE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES

CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN SG THAT SACEU

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